

## AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (currently amended) An antifreeze concentrate for cooling systems in fuel cell drives, from which ready-to-use aqueous coolant compositions having a conductivity of not more than 50  $\mu$ S/cm, which substantially comprise
- (a) from 10 to 90% by weight of 1,3-propanediol or mixtures of 1,3-propanediol with alkylene glycols and/or derivates thereof,
  - (b) from 90 to 10% by weight of water,
- (c) from 0.005 to 5% by weight of one or more five-membered heterocyclic compounds (azole derivatives) having 2 or 3 hetero atoms from the group consisting of nitrogen and sulfur, which contain no sulfur atom or not more than one sulfur atom and which may carry an aromatic or saturated six-membered fused moiety and
  - (d) if-required, ortho-silicic esters, result by dilution with ion-free water.
- 2. (original) An antifreeze concentrate for cooling systems in fuel cell drives as claimed in claim 1, containing altogether from 0.05 to 5% by weight of the azole derivatives.
- 3. (previously presented) An antifreeze concentrate for cooling systems in fuel cell drives as claimed in claim 1, containing, as azole derivatives, benzimidazole, benzotriazole, tolutriazole, 1H-1,2,4-triazole and/or hydrogenated tolutriazole.
- 4. (currently amended) An antifreeze concentrate for cooling systems in fuel cell drives as claimed in claim 1, eentaining, in addition to the azole-derivatives; ortho-silicic esters are present in an amount such that the from which ready-to-use aqueous

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coolant compositions having have a silicon content of from 2 to 2 000 ppm by weight result.

- 5. (currently amended) A ready-to-use aqueous coolant composition for cooling systems in fuel cell drives, which substantially comprises:
- (a) from 10 to 90% by weight of 1,3-propanediol or mixtures of 1,3-propanediol with alkylene glycols and/or derivatives thereof,
  - (b) from 90 to 10% by weight of water,
  - (c) from 0.005 to 5% by weight of the azole derivatives, and
  - (d) if required, ortho-silicic esters,

obtainable by dilution of an antifreeze concentrate as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 with ion-free water.

- 6. (currently amended) A method of cooling fuel cell drives comprising adding to a cooling system of a fuel cell drive an antifreeze concentrate comprised of 1,3-propanediol or mixtures of 1,3-propanediol with alkylene glycols and/or derivates thereof, and one or more five-membered heterocyclic compound (azole derivatives) having 2 or 3 hetero atoms which are selected from the group consisting of nitrogen and sulfur, and which contain no sulfur atom or not more than one sulfur atom and which may carry an aromatic or saturated six-membered fused moiety, and ortho-silicic esters.
- 7. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 6 comprising adding to the cooling system a ready-to-use aqueous coolant composition which comprises the antifreeze concentrate and has a conductivity of not more than 50  $\mu$ S/cm.